

Intimations.

RE ROYAL, HON

GRAND COSTUME CONCERT.

To be given by
SIGNORA MARIA PALMERI,
Prima Donna of the Royal Theatres of La Scala,
(Milan), San Carlo of Naples, the Pergola of
Florence, Teatro Royal Turin,
&c. &c. &c. assisted by
SIGNORINA ALICE PERSIANI,
&c. &c. &c.
SIGNOR PALMERI,
Assisted by Gentlemen Amateurs who have
kindly consented to accompany.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST PART.

1.—**SERENA**—"Conduct to Quantas."
Quintet—**SIGNORINA PERSIANI.**

2.—**ROMANCE**—"S'ill cantava 'n'acqua viva."
(Glocken)—**SIGNOR PALMERI.**

3.—**SONG OF LADY EVELINE** "FROM
"FAIRMILK"—Still near the "Therps"
Belle—**SIGNORA PALMERI, and Chorus.**

4.—**VARIAZIONI DI RODE,** Redo—**SIGNORA
PERSIANI.**

5.—**TRIO** **PALMERI, PERSIANI, & TENOR,** Com-
pagni—**SIGNOR PALMERI, SIGNORINA PERSIANI,
and SIGNOR PALMERI.**—

SECOND PART.

6.—**WALTZ** **MAHAR, PARDON DE**

ERMEL.—"Ombra L
er—Signorina PERSIAN

7. GRANDE ARIA FROM LA POBZA
DEL DESTINO, Verdi-Signora PAL-
MERI, or Chorus.

8. DUO FOR PIANO, PLAY'ED KINDLY
BY TWO AMATEURS.

9. CHANSON ARABE. "Medje," Gounod
- Signor FERRI.

10. DUO NORMA. - "Mira, o Norma," Bel-
ini-Signora PALMERI and Signorina
PERRAZZI.

V. R.

Price of Admission.....\$2.00
Doors open at 8.30, to commence at 9.

The Plan of the Suite may be seen,
and Tickets obtained at Messrs. LAYR, CRAWFORD &
Co. 1080 Hongkong, 10th July, 1875.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHEW.
THE Steamship

"ALFONSO,"
Captain Fenchard, will be dispatched for the
above Ports at NINE O'CLOCK, the 13th inst.,
instead of the time previously notified.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFFRANK & Co.
1081 Hongkong, 10th July, 1875.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.
THE departure of the German Steamship

"ALFONA,"
is respectfully POSTPONED until TO-MOR-

Freight or Passage, app

1081	Hongkong, 12th July, 1875.	Wm. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.
<p>FOR SWATOW, AMOY, TAKAO, AND TAMSUI.</p> <p>THE Steamship Captain Abbott, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUTLAS LAPELAK & Co. at 1035 Hongkong, 12th July, 1875.</p>		
<p>FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.</p> <p>THE Steamship "ABRATON APCAR." Captain McTearish, will leave this for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 17th inst., at 3 P.M. Despatches will close at 5.30 A.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Agents.</p>		
1063	Hongkong, 10th July, 1875.	Wm. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.
<p>FOR MANILA</p> <p>THE Spanish Brig "NUEVO CONSTATE." Captain Uriarte, will have immediate despatch as above. For Freight, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.</p>		
1082	Hongkong, 10th July, 1875.	

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NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per **S. S. INDU**
from London, in connection with the
above Steamer, are hereby informed that the
Goods are being landed and stored at their risk
at the COAL WHARF, whence delivery
must be obtained from **MONDAY**, the 12th
inst., at Noon.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless
otherwise directed from the Consignees to
leave **S.A. TO-DAV**, the 12th inst.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned.

Good Freight claimed after **THURSDAY**, the
15th inst., at 10 A.M., will be subject to re-
bate and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

C. BERTRAND,
Principal Agent.

168 Hongkong, 12th July, 1875.

SWEDISH BRIG DAN, FROM SYDNEY

THE COAL shipped by **THOMAS HALL**,
Sydney, for New Zealand Coast Coal Com-
pany Limited, per **Dan**, for Hongkong, will be
SOLD by the Undersigned for account of
concerned, unless applied for by Monday
the 12th inst.

T. A. HALLBERG.

1070 Hongkong, 9th J

THE S. S. **ARRABON** APCAR, FROM
CALCUTTA, PINANG, AND
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ve Stamer are hereby requested to send
their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed, in order to take immediate deli-
very of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be aban-
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DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co
Ed 1015 "Hongkong, 5th July, 1875.

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C. BÉREAND.

Principal Agent.
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a convenient pretext for seasonal holidays, and the parents of most Chinese domestic, if they are to be believed, have a healthy fear of dying, though they seldom expire, being, as it is to be presumed, preserved for future reference. Putting aside, however, these cases of deception, which are considered venial in and by the Chinese, there is no doubt that they are really kind, attentive, and dutiful to their parents, and take care that they want for nothing they are able to procure them. It is well known that Chinese men regard it as their duty to keep their wives' mothers even, and they treat them with marked deference and attention.

The law of China visits any offence against parents or aged people with severe punishment. This is very proper and politic, and it assists materially in cultivating a wholesome awe of their elders among the rising race. No doubt, some of the punishments inflicted are unduly harsh, and but of all proportion to the offence; but this must be expected from a people whose legal code is unlearned with Christian charity and mercy. Their laws, though possessing some just and meritorious features, are very imperfect, and serve effectually to mark the line between Chinese civilisation and that of Western nations. In a recent number of the *Peking Gazette* is recorded a case of parricide committed in Shanghai. A young man reproached his father with not contributing to the support of his family, but on the contrary rendering himself a burden to it. This gave rise to a dispute, which ended in the son taking up a stone and striking his father a violent blow on the head which killed him on the spot. The culprit denied to conceal his crime, but the old saying that "murder will out" was in this case exemplified; for it was discovered by some of his relatives, who, shocked at the unnatural deed, promptly handed him over to justice. He was sentenced to be hanged to death, and it is reported that this barbarous and revolting sentence was duly carried out.

This incident proves two things. First, that such crimes are very rare in China. It is demonstrated by the circumstances finding a place in the official Gazette. Secondly, it shows that justice in China is not yet severed from vengeance. The inhumanity of the punishment is sufficient evidence of this fact. But perhaps it is not well to be too hard on the Chinese, since it is not so very long ago that the custom of gibbeting and gibbeting criminals prevailed in England. Time and example may bring about the abolition of such barbarous practices in China. It is true progress is extremely slow in the Flowery Land, but the day must come eventually when the barriers of exclusiveness will be broken down. When it does we can only hope the Chinese will retain their distinctive virtues while adopting all the good features of European civilisation. On our side let us not be too proud to copy anything that is excellent in their institutions, manners, or customs. Perfection is unobtainable by any race, but it is always possible to learn and to improve.

In one thing, perhaps, we have rather retrograded. In what are falsely called the "good old days" children paid more homage to their parents, and families were more closely knit by the cords of love. We could wish that the present generation of Britons would remember to their duty and greater respect for their seniors.

The *Diario de Manila* of the 1st instant says that the evening of the 29th instant the barometer fell very low, and many imagined that a typhoon had occurred somewhere on the Chinese coast.

Saturday's *Gazette* states that His Excellency the Administrator has been pleased to recognise provisionally, pending the arrival of the steamer, Don Antonio Fernandez y Sotomayor, as Governor of Spain at this port.

The *Gazette* of Saturday contains an order made by His Excellency the Administrator, on the 26th inst., by which the fee to be paid into the Colonial Treasury for a license to keep a billiard table or bowling alley shall hereafter be \$50.

Saturday's *Gazette* contains the votes and proceedings of the Legislative Council at the meeting held on the 26th inst., together with the supplementary estimate for the year 1874, to the amount of \$150,000, passed at the meeting held on the 7th instant.

At the Peak the maximum temperature recorded in the *Gazette* of Saturday during the past week was 78.0 the minimum 72.5; the greatest rainfall was 0.1 inch on the 26th inst., the minimum was 0.0 inch on the 27th inst., when 0.90 inch fell.

From a table of meteorological observations taken at the Government Civil Hospital during the past month by Dr. Wherry, and published in the *Gazette* of Saturday, we learn that the total rainfall for June has been 15.40 inches, with 9.65 inches in the corresponding month of last year.

Signora Palmieri, assisted by Signorina Persiani and Signor Palmieri, will give her second concert to-night. The programme is perhaps even more attractive than that of Thursday night, as it is to be hoped that it will secure these talented artists a larger audience than the last occasion.

The O. and C. Company's steamer *Gladys*, which arrived on the 9th inst., is similar in appearance to her sister ship, the *Oceanic*, and she has been fitted up in all respects like a passenger steamer, and is capable of carrying 100 passengers and a large number of coolies. She made the passage out in 41 days.

We are requested to state that a meeting of the gentlemen, who have volunteered as members of the Hongkong Humane Society, will be held in the Chamber of Commerce room, City Hall, on Tuesday (to-morrow) afternoon at half-past 4 o'clock. All who are interested in this movement are cordially invited to attend.

We are requested to state that correspondence for Hongkong should in future be forwarded by the U.S. Packet (except, of course, through the Agent in America) unless it be prepaid at the rate of six cents per half ounce in American postage. The American rate for newspapers is two cents, and for books, four cents per four ounces.

A few minutes past four on the evening of the 22nd ultimo, as the steamer *Pacific* was leaving the wharf, the mails were accidentally carried off collision with the transport *Marques de la Fayette*, then anchored in the harbour. The latter vessel sustained some damage to her masts and rigging, but no serious injury was done. The steamer *Pacific* anchored for a few minutes, and then sailed again for her destination. —*Diario de Manila*.

The following accounts, duly certified, of the average amount of Bank Notes in circulation in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th June, is published in the *Gazette* for general information.

Bank of China, Ltd. 4,499,471

Chartered Bank, Ltd. 612,650

London and China Bank, Ltd. 471,390

Oversea-Chinese Bank, Ltd. 1,432,497

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation 2,910,046

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